

An update from the GovHub

The Latrobe Valley GovHub has been a hive of activity in recent months and even with recent challenges posed by coronavirus restrictions, the building is still on track to be completed later this year.

In the last few weeks, the GovHub has played host to the Minister for Regional Development Jaclyn Symes, who used a visit to the site on 26 June to announce the Mine Land Rehabilitation Authority. The new authority will be based at the Latrobe Valley GovHub along with Parks Victoria, Earth Resources Regulation and Solar Victoria who are also confirmed as tenants.

Last week also saw the announcement of 18 world-leading light gauge steel modules that are currently being installed onto the sides of the \$30-million GovHub building. The modules, which each weigh around four tonnes and stand at 14.5 meters high were made specifically for the building using local content and have been produced thanks to one of the most advanced forms of manufacturing in the world.



↑ One of the first modules installed onsite

Meet one of the tenants –

Solar Victoria will be moving into the new building alongside teams from Parks Victoria.

Solar Victoria, a portfolio entity within the Department of Environment, Land Water and Planning, is responsible for delivering the Victorian Government's Solar Homes Program, one of the most ambitious and transformative renewable energy programs in Australia. Solar Homes is a 10-year, \$1.3 billion program which works with industry

to transform and grow Victoria's energy sector, drive down greenhouse gas emissions, and put power back into Victorians' hands. There are already 25 staff from Solar Victoria located in Morwell as part of the Contact Centre, answering thousands of phone and written enquiries. They will be joined next year by colleagues from other parts of the organisation and will also be advertising new roles. New roles will be advertised on the Victorian State Government website.



↑ Solar Victoria's Morwell colleagues, anticipating the move to the GovHub (left to right: David, Antoinette and Kate from Customer Service and Experience teams)



↑ Ceiling and walls, plastered and painted



↑ First module lifted onto Church Street facade

Meet a local team involved –

Coffey Bricklaying

Of all contractors working on site, over 75% are local.

Coffey Bricklaying is one of the many local contractors involved in building the GovHub. Coffey Bricklaying are working on the brick columns and facades in the build with five of their team of nine currently working on the project.

Based in Traralgon, the company provides commercial, domestic and repair bricklaying work including large projects like the GovHub, to aged care buildings, hotels, schools and smaller jobs such as retaining walls. Although a young company, the team has over four decades of experience amongst them.

Headed up by Sean Coffey, the team is proud to be a part of building the GovHub for the experience as well as contributing to a project that will have a significant impact on the local region.



↑ External brick cladding advancing

What to expect over the coming months:

1. Commencement of tiles to atrium and community hub
2. Installation of 18 facade modules onto the building
3. Installation of loose furniture and workstations
4. Residents have been notified construction activities on site have been extended to include Sunday to ensure project can be completed on time

Project timeline -

May 2017 ✓

Funding announcement
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May 2018 ✓

Developer appointed
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Dec 2018 ✓

Community consultation
→

Jan 2019 ✓

Planning and design
→

March 2019 ✓

Early works
→

Sept 2019 IN PROGRESS

Construction start
→

Late 2020

Construction complete
→

Early 2021

Tenants move in

If you would like more information about:

Construction works

Contact Castlerock Property at latrobegovhub@castlerockproperty.com.au or call 03 8639 9100.

Latrobe Valley Govhub Redevelopment

Contact Regional Development Victoria at rdv@rdv.vic.gov.au or visit rdv.vic.gov.au/latrobe-govhub or call 03 5116 7300.